

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In the Specification

Page 5, insert before the next to last full paragraph which begins with the phrase "The following drawings..." the heading:

--Brief Description of the Drawings.

Page 6, line 9, change "ATCC1 Deposit No. \_\_\_\_\_" to --ATCC Deposit No. 97166.

Page 6, before the paragraph beginning on line 21, which paragraph starts with "It is particularly important..." the following paragraph:

--The ATCC number referred to above is directed to a biological deposit with the ATCC, 12301 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, MD 20852. Since the strain referred to is being maintained under the terms of the Budapest Treaty, it will be made available to a patent office signatory to the Budapest Treaty.--

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-20 without prejudice and insert the following new claims:

21. An isolated polynucleotide comprising a polynucleotide having at least a 95% identity to a member selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising amino acids 2 to 221 of SEQ ID NO:2, and  
(b) the complement of (a).

22. The isolated polynucleotide of claim 21 wherein said member is (a).